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FREDDIE AND FRIEDA, THROUGH THE YEARS

The many faces of FREDDIE & FRIEDA



Freddie, Frieda mascot suits updated after five years

By Matt Liasse
Pulse Editor

The most popular couple on campus will look a little different in the fall.

Freddie and Frieda Falcon, the University's feathered mascots, are getting new uniforms for the first time in five years.

"Our mascots are pretty beloved... wear and tear is pretty rigorous," said Associate Dean of Students Michael Ginsburg.

Ginsburg, along with Interim Coordinator of Spirit Programs Anne Marie King, are looking to freshen up the uniforms.

For feedback, they've had conversations with students, spirit group leaders and mascot alums, Ginsburg said.

Some of the updates will include changing the orange on their uniforms to the official University shade of orange, and there will be falcon heads on their shirts.

All of the changes will be on the uniforms. Nothing will be different about the falcon's heads.

It will be "nothing major," Ginsburg said. He said he wants the uniform to be less "rag tag" and to have a "renewed sense of pride."

But other reasons are also motivating the call for new suits. "The suits have been used so much; no amount of washing can make them smell good again," Ginsburg said.

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School spirit sparks student's secret life as Frieda Falcon

By Samantha Simcik
The BG News

As the minutes leading up to her big debut began to dwindle, Nicole Krueger's nerves and excitement reached an all-time high.

With her Frieda Falcon claws leading the way, Krueger pictured herself flawlessly rushing the field with the University football team at her side. But as she began cheering and running, her headband quickly slipped off her head and down her face, making it difficult to see.

"I was so nervous, and then all of a sudden my headband came down and I could hardly see where I was going. Then I had to think about all of these huge football players coming out and almost knocking me over," Krueger said.

Despite facing a minor obstacle her first time on the field, Krueger was too excited about her new life as Frieda Falcon to let it bring her down. And though she

was recently revealed as Frieda, Krueger is not looking forward to her journey coming to an end.

Krueger was a cheerleader in high school and said she always had school spirit. She thought being Frieda was the perfect way to show her love for University.

Her "bird life" began when she decided to fill out a written application for the mascot in March 2010. Her boyfriend and University graduate student, Kyle Ellwood, remembers Krueger's thought process prior to applying.

"Nicole spent a lot of time reflecting on the pros and cons of auditioning for Frieda, Ellwood said. "This process included talking to her mentors and myself. Once Nicole decided to try out, she engulfed herself within the application process."

Two weeks after she filled out the application, Krueger learned she

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ALISSA WIDMAN | THE BG NEWS

TAKING A STAND: Four graduate students hold signs in protest at Tuesday's Faculty Senate meeting. Nearly 20 students gathered, hoping to raise awareness for transparency in administrators' decision-making processes.

Graduate students protest administrators at Faculty Senate meeting

By Alissa Widman
Assistant News Editor

Nearly 20 graduate students rallied at Tuesday's Faculty Senate meeting, hoping to make a statement without saying a word.

"We're slowly getting fed up with the way we're being treated and the lack of transparency here," said graduate student Sudipto Sanyal. "The feeling we get is no one from the administration is on our side."

The students displayed signs reading "Got transparency?" and "Save your degree, protect your program," silently staring as Senate

members and University administrators addressed concerns for more than two hours.

The group of students meets biweekly, with a goal of creating awareness and preventing apathy among graduate students, Sanyal said.

"It's standing up for what you believe in," he said. "It's an expression of solidarity with the newly unionized faculty and those who are against the graduate program cuts."

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With the semester ending, The BG News takes a closer look at how the University will change when you come back in the fall.

Changes planned for undergraduate curriculum

By Danae King
Reporter

When students return for the fall semester, they will find a few changes to the curriculum at the University — general education course options are expanding, Learning Commons will be introduced and several departmental changes will go into effect.

"I think the most important and interesting academic initiative in the fall is going to be the offering of many new courses that we're calling the inquiry classes," said Timothy Messer-Kruse, the interim vice provost for academic programs and dean of the Graduate College.

"These are classes intended for the first-year students and courses that are aimed at cultivating the students' critical thinking and ability to understand various disciplines and investigate their subjects."

The inquiry sequence of classes will be offered as electives in the fall,

and they will count toward general education requirements.

"These courses are going to be one element of our projected general education program, the Connecting the Undergraduate Experience program," Messer-Kruse said. "These are courses that will eventually become foundation courses for general education, and they're intended to be courses that help students both understand the nature of academic inquiry and sharpen their critical thinking skills."

To make way for these new general education courses, the current BGeX courses are being phased out.

"These first-year courses are really intended to address some of the most important intellectual and practical skill sets students need to be successful in both the job market and as engaged citizens," Messer-Kruse said.

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HEATHER LINDER
Editor-in-Chief

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DA charges Calif. detective in killing of tenant

MODESTO, Calif. (AP) — Prosecutors say a Northern California sheriff's detective accused in an off-duty killing of a tenant on a rental property had a history of abusing and harassing renters.

The Modesto Bee reports that Kari Abbey was charged with second-degree murder and a slew of other charges Monday, the same day she was fired from the Stanislaus County Sheriff's Department.

Abbey fatally shot Rita Elias during a rent dispute last September, claiming it was self-defense.

According to court documents, tenants told investigators that they often felt powerless to report abuse because Abbey knew so many people in law enforcement.

A home search also turned up a sophisticated marijuana-growing system, counterfeit cash and weapons.

Abbey's lawyer denies the allegations and says the pot belonged to Abbey's father, who uses it for medicinal purposes.

BP agrees to \$25M penalty for 2006 Alaska spills

ANCHORAGE, Alaska — BP's subsidiary in Alaska will pay a \$25 million civil penalty under a settlement announced Tuesday that comes five years after more than 200,000 gallons of crude oil spilled from company pipelines on the North Slope.

The penalty is the most ever levied per barrel by national regulators, and U.S. Attorney for Alaska Karen Loeffler said it underlines the seriousness of BP's conduct.

The settlement also calls for BP Exploration Alaska Inc. to install a system-wide pipeline integrity management program.

"This penalty should serve as a wake-up call to all pipeline operators that they will be held accountable for the safety of their operations and their compliance with the Clean Water Act, the Clean Air Act and the pipeline safety laws," Assistant U.S. Attorney Ignacia S. Moreno said in a conference call with reporters.

Loeffler told The Associated Press from her office in Anchorage that BP Alaska admitted that it cut corners and failed to do what was required to adequately maintain its pipelines.

— Dan Joling (AP)

Pa. lawsuit: Aaron's rental firm spies on users

PITTSBURGH — A major furniture rental chain has software on its computers that lets it track the keystrokes, screenshots and even webcam images of customers while they use the devices at home, according to a lawsuit filed Tuesday.

The lawsuit was filed on behalf of a Wyoming couple who said they learned about the PC Rental Agent "device and/or software" inside the computer they rented last year when an Aaron's Inc. store manager in Casper came to their home on Dec. 22.

The manager tried to repossess the computer because he mistakenly believed the couple hadn't finished paying for it, the couple said. Brian Byrd, 26, said the manager showed him a picture of Byrd using the computer — taken by the computer's webcam. The image was shot with the help of spying software, which the lawsuit contends is made by North East, Pa.-based Designerware LLC and is installed on all Aaron's rental computers.

— Joe Mandak (AP)

ACLU sues Utah over new immigration law

SALT LAKE CITY — Two national organizations are suing Utah to halt a new immigration law they claim encourages racial profiling.

The National Immigration Law Center argues legislation signed by Gov. Gary Herbert in March is just as unconstitutional as a similar Arizona law that is before the courts.

The American Civil Liberties Union also joined the lawsuit filed Tuesday in federal court in Salt Lake City.

The most controversial parts of Arizona's law are on hold pending a trial. They include a provision that would require police officers who are enforcing other laws to question the immigration status of those they suspect are in the country illegally.

Utah's law requires people to prove their citizenship only if they're arrested for a felony or class-A misdemeanor.

The national groups argue states are not allowed to trump federal law and that the Utah law violates the constitutional protection from unlawful search and seizure.

— Josh Loftin (AP)

1 teen in Mass. bullying case still faces trial

BOSTON — Five teens are expected to resolve charges against them this week in the bullying of a 15-year-old Massachusetts girl who later committed suicide.

But one teen's case is still slated to go to trial. He is the one defendant who was not charged with bullying the girl.

Austin Renaud, now 19, was charged with statutory rape for allegedly having sexual contact with Phoebe Prince, a recent Irish immigrant who lived in South Hadley. He has denied the allegations. Renaud's lawyer says he has not been offered a plea deal.

The five other teens faced multiple charges and are expected to plead guilty to a single misdemeanor charge during court hearings Wednesday and Thursday.

Prince hanged herself last year after what a prosecutor described as "relentless" bullying.

— Denise Lavoie (AP)

Feds sue Deutsche Bank, alleging mortgage fraud

NEW YORK — The federal government sued Deutsche Bank Tuesday, saying the bank committed fraud and padded its pockets with undeserved income as it repeatedly lied so it could benefit from a government program that insured mortgages.

The lawsuit in U.S. District Court in Manhattan seeks to recover hundreds of millions of dollars in insurance claims that the government has had to pay when homeowners defaulted on their mortgages. The lawsuit also asked for punitive damages. The government said the bank made substantial profits between 2007 and 2009 from the resale of the risky mortgages, leaving the government to foot the bill for loans that defaulted. The mortgage insurance is issued by the Federal Housing Administration.

The lawsuit said the bank carried out the fraud through its subsidiary, MortgageIT, which employed more than 2,000 people at branches in all 50 states. Deutsche acquired MortgageIT in 2007.

— Larry Neumeister (AP)

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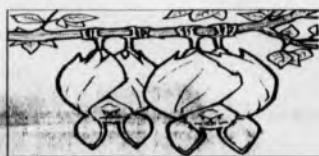
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Athletes make sacrifices for school, sports

Athletic career highlights help make time at University memorable for team members

By Courtney Seel
The BG News

For senior swimmer Sarah Burston, a typical Wednesday begins at 5 a.m. She pulls herself out of bed, quickly dresses and grabs breakfast before heading to the natatorium.

Burston and fellow teammates are in the pool by 6 a.m. for a vigorous two-hour swim practice.

After practice, Burston grabs a quick shower and a bite to eat before heading to class for three hours.

From there she returns to the pool for two and a half more hours of training. She refuels with dinner then is off to her evening classes.

Then she goes home to study and spend time with friends and roommates.

The past four years of high expectations, two-day practices, competition and full course loads are proof that being a student athlete comes with a lot of responsibility.

Despite the constant on-the-go lifestyle, Sarah Burston, Carrie Enright and Matt Malewitz, three University senior student athletes, all agree their hard work has made the journey worth it, and they will be celebrating their achieve-

ments at the upcoming graduation ceremony.

Burston, a native of Sydney, Australia, boasts five school records and is a bronze medalist and honors recipient for the swim team. She is a communication major and takes 18 credit hours each semester.

The swim season occurs both semesters, and Burston is graduating in three and a half years to save money, but that decision comes with a demanding course load.

"In season we practice 20 or more hours a week and in the offseason around 12," Burston said.

Burston also dedicates 10-12 hours a week to schoolwork.

Enright, a freestyle swimmer and native from Plano, Texas, has four school records, is an applied health science and pre-physical therapy major and takes between 16 and 17 credit hours each semester.

"If you ask any athlete who has to work out on a regular basis, they will tell you it is really hard working out for two hours at a time and then having to go back to campus for class," Enright said.

Burston said, "being micromanaged, feeling so time pressured and missing out on extracurricular

activities" were the toughest aspects. Burston wanted to be involved in Dance Marathon and to take summer internships but swimming made that impossible.

Mark Shook, assistant athletics director of Student Athlete Services, oversees services including academic coordinators, mentoring programs, career development and a life skill program all dedicated to the advancement of approximately 425 University student athletes.

Partially because of the services offered, student athletes are graduating with an average 3.2 cumulative GPA, compared to the University's general student body average of a 2.8 GPA.

"The purpose of Student Athlete Services is to support academics, athletics and to help these student athletes find their niche outside the athlete world," Shook said. "We also try to teach them what it's like to give without receiving anything back in return through community service."

Unlike Burston, who felt constraints as a student athlete, Enright got exactly what she wanted out of her college experience.

"I actually feel like being an athlete has given me more opportunity to be great at

something. Being part of a team, I have met girls who I will be friends with for the rest of my life, and I have had a great experience to put on my resume," Enright said.

Ray Schuck, a professor in the School of Communication, has an average of four to five student athletes each semester.

"[Being a student athlete] adds a level of responsibility, but plenty of other students have the same responsibility. Students who work part-time, full-time and belong to demanding organizations also work just as hard as athletes without the recognition," Schuck said.

Malewitz, a pitcher for the Falcons baseball team and a native of Grand Rapids, Mich., was awarded All-Mid-American Conference First Team in 2009. He was redshirted for a season due to a shoulder injury, which delayed his graduation date to May 2012.

Malewitz, a sports management major, takes 15 credit hours in the offseason and 12 credit hours during the season. Taking fewer credit hours in season allows for him to keep up with the demands of prac-

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PEOPLE IN THE NEWSROOM What is the weirdest thing you ever found in the newsroom?



"A single shoe — I don't know what happened to the other."

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"My cat, Batman."

JASON HENRY,
City Editor



"A random bag of baked goods."

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Sarah Palin provokes fear, cautions war isn't finished



KATE NOFTSINGER
COLUMNIST

I've written 30 times this year, usually on the subject of feminism, occupying the space between politics and pop culture. And I loved it.

Not only did I enjoy the process, sharing my thoughts and opinions with readers, but I was thrilled to experience the aftermath week after week. I mean, what is editorial writing without fervent feedback from those who see the world differently?

As a graduating senior, this is the last column I will ever write for the BG News. This is the last time faithful readers will open a Wednesday edition of the paper and nod in agreement with my words. And this is the final opportunity for devoted commenters to tell me I don't know what I'm talking about.

So it better be good, right? It was tough, choosing a verbal departure from my beloved academic institution. But I thought it would be appropriate to re-visit my favorite item worthy of commentary — Sarah Palin.

Looking back, I've said many things about Mama Grizzly. I've argued Palin makes an excellent Halloween costume — and not just for Tina Fey. I've questioned the unnaturalness of Palin's TLC reality show as she continues to exploit her "normal" family. And I've criticized her "targeting" of Arizona Rep. Gabrielle Giffords during Palin's unflattering connection to the Tucson shootings.

On the campaign trail, there's never a shortage of Palin news. Even when she's not directly involved, America's favorite hockey mom always finds a way to be included — which brings me to the heart of today's "goodbye" column.

Sunday evening, President Barack Obama announced al-Qaida leader Osama bin Laden was found in Pakistan, killed by Navy

SEALS and buried at sea. If there was ever a time to fly the "mission accomplished" banner, it would be now.

Monday, as Palin addressed Colorado Christian University during a fundraiser, she was eager to appropriate another current event for her own political agenda.

Making her classiest move since Obama took office, Palin thanked President Bush "for having made the right calls to set up this victory," yet made no mention of the current president's involvement.

"Yesterday was a testament to the military's dedication in relentlessly hunting down an enemy through many years of war," she said, gushing with jingoism and dismissing the toll constant conflict has taken on the country.

When thanking God "the evil leader of Islamic extremists" had "finally met justice at the hands of America's finest," Palin successfully provoked the Islamophobia she needs to rationalize her global manifest destiny.

As the media painted the assassination as a victory, Palin (and former Vice President Dick Cheney) were quick to remind us our battle with terror is far from over.

"We are still at war with a brutal enemy that hates America," Palin said, predictably fear mongering.

Even though we've been instructed to maintain fear, this is somehow being construed as a symbolic light at the end of the recession tunnel. Palin believes "we are not a nation in decline if we can look to these young people and realize they still want to protect America."

While naïvely explaining the country couldn't fail if citizens were still willing to fight for it, she may have actually said something profound about the military industrial complex.

During his farewell address in 1961, former President Dwight D. Eisenhower warned against "a permanent armaments industry of vast proportions." (Stop me if any of

this sounds familiar.)

He cautioned the United States to reconsider their new dedication to defense, claiming it would have serious economic, political and spiritual repercussions. (Really, stop me.)

"We recognize the imperative need for this development, yet we must not fail to comprehend its grave implications," Eisenhower said.

He reminded the American people of their peaceful goals to see security and liberty prosper together. But in the midst of this week's national celebration, peace has long since been forgotten.

As we continue to give up personal freedoms to feel safe, and cheer the death of a terrorist, I can't help but wonder when revisiting Eisenhower's predictions — are we there yet?

Palin unwittingly reminded us our prosperity is tied to our desire to keep fighting: Funding the war on terror keeps many people employed. "It is not over," has more to do with financial security than protecting the U.S. from harm.

But even those who don't attend Palin's tea parties seem to be caught up in excitement. Yes, the man who caused the twin towers to fall has ultimately been held responsible, but is it normal to react this way?

The frequently-used Facebook status mistaken for a Martin Luther King Jr. quote, "I mourn the loss of thousands of precious lives, but I will not rejoice in the death of one, not even an enemy," summarizes two possible stances on revenge.

It's an ethical question: Swept away by nationalist pride, does one vindictively celebrate the demise of another human being? Or keep their cool, refusing the temptation to speak vengefully?

While Palin swings low, I think I'm going to take the high road.

That's all I have to say about that. Or anything, as far as Forum is concerned.

Respond to Kate at thenews@bgnews.com

Editor reflects on rewards of campus involvement



HEATHER LINDER
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

I started working at The BG News before I even knew where West Hall was. (FYI — our newsroom is located in West Hall.) If you take the 12 hours per night I usually spent putting out a paper and multiply it by the four years I've been at the University, it adds up to one billion hours. Approximately.

That's a lot of time surrounded by seafoam green walls, janky equipment, cranky sources and overly caffeinated student journalists. But clearly those billion hours changed me dramatically.

I'm not being cocky. Some of the changes weren't exactly positive. My priorities quickly shifted from classes and getting A's to writing quality stories and putting out solid issues of the newspaper. I became nocturnal for a stint.

But prioritizing the paper also helped me become

stronger and more convicted of my passion for reporting. I developed a strong sense of community, and each year I worked side-by-side with incredibly committed, talented groups of people.

This past year as editor-in-chief was more work than I ever anticipated. Amongst the angry phone calls, the attempted manipulation, the crazy letters and the words of encouragement from readers, I somehow endured the long nights and ended up loving every minute of it. I can't imagine spending my senior year any other way.

I like to think the thankless job my staff and I committed to night after night made some sort of difference, even if just one student knew a little more about what was going on at the University.

We couldn't cover it all; we definitely slipped up at times. But, on top of classes and jobs, we practiced our future professions and gave a bit of ourselves to make the campus a better place.

We hear it all the time, "Get involved." But I think there's more to it than that.

Just going to meetings or joining a club would've helped me fill my time and make friends. I probably would've connected to the school a little more. However, working at The BG News forced me to go outside of myself. I worked hard for clips to help land a reporting job, but mostly I exercised an intrinsic desire to make the world a better place, one campus story at a time.

Of course I'm being idealistic and possibly delusional, but the time spent working for others made me better by default.

Do what you love. College only lasts four (or five or six) years, and at some point having fun and going to class isn't quite enough. I feel lucky to have had a place to go every day where I worked my butt off, served my community and spent time with some of my best friends. I'm excited to graduate and move on, but I will always cherish my time at The BG News.

Respond to Heather at thenews@bgnews.com

Symbolism celebrated, not act of killing bin Laden



STEPHAN REED
COLUMNIST

Amidst a barrage of pro-American Facebook statuses about Osama bin Laden's death, one particular post stood out.

Paraphrased, it said celebration of one man's death is animalistic, and we should be disgusted at ourselves for being so joyous because our country killed a person.

The people chanting and cheering in front of the White House were not out there because bin Laden's heart stopped; they were celebrating the symbolism of his death.

I understand the user's thought process. If people were happy solely because one less person on the Earth was alive, and they were barred all of the positives that came from this event, then yes, that point remains valid:

those people have psychological issues. However, in almost every other post I saw, people were swelling with American pride, not bloodlust.

Users acknowledged the symbolism of his death. Bin Laden, the leader of al-Qaida, was dead; the families of the victims in 9/11 gained some sort of closure and felt he met justice when the bullet met him, and others just were happy to be part of the country that took down this international criminal.

Honestly, I loved hearing "USA" chants outside of my window that night. I loved hearing people shoot off fireworks. I loved watching people climb trees in celebration. Everyone was happy together, as a country.

This is something that only happens when we win a war or take home the most medals at the Olympics. One firefighter from 9/11 said he hoped this event would bring back unity amongst Americans, and for one night, it did. We may all

differ on political views, but I think almost everyone can agree it was a good night for everyone in America.

The feeling of joy was a "cool" feeling. It's like when you watch a movie and the antagonist dies. Inside, you're happy because you know the good guy is going to triumph since his predecessor has fallen. In a "hot" feeling scenario, I believe people would have been less jubilant.

If you personally slit bin Laden's throat and felt his life leave his body, you may have felt remorse. However, there is a difference between the two; one is personal and before your eyes and the other is more like a movie scene. In this case, Americans were the audience, the world was the movie screen and bin Laden was the bad guy.

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ATHLETES

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tices and games.

Despite the challenges these three seniors athlete have experienced, they will all walk away with memories of competition while wearing orange and brown.

Malewitz's favorite memory as a Falcon was coming back from 9-0 against Akron to win the entire Mid-American Conference Championship his freshman year.

"This feeling is almost indescribable, but the feeling of joy and excitement made me feel like I was on top of the world," Malewitz said.

Burston also had many great performances, but her most mean-

ingful was in the MAC her sophomore year.

"I was a medalist, finalist, All-Academic, All-Mid American, and I achieved all my swimming goals," Burston said.

University athletics has acted as a classroom for these student athletes as well.

"The past four years of athletics, I have learned the motivation to swim and win. I now have motivation for life, to achieve things I never thought possible for myself, and motivation to succeed in every single thing I set my mind to," Enright said.

Malewitz's greatest lesson learned is that hard work pays off.

"The harder you work the more positive you stay in every situation. It has given me a positive outlook in

my life," Malewitz said.

As for Burston, her biggest lesson learned is also her biggest accomplishment.

"It's the realization that I am more than just a swimmer. Over the past two years I have exited the athlete bubble and become involved in other aspects of campus life. Because of that I am confident that I can have the same kind of success in my professional life," Burston said.

Besides being on the swim team, Burston was also on the homecoming court, president of Mortar Board and a co-founder and president of the Association for Women in Communication.

If the past in any indicator, these three athletes will have promising futures.

Burston is moving back to Australia for about a year then will decide from there what her next career goal will be.

"The beauty about being done with swimming is that I don't have to plan my life out so much, and I am really enjoying that," Burston said.

These athletes have come to the same conclusion; they have learned how to be more than just athletes and will take that knowledge and apply it after graduation.

Their realizations are what administrators in Student Athlete Services have been trying to convey to all student athletes for their four years.

"Even with my title and job, sports are just a piece of their growing process. It's about committing to

a goal and a group of people. It's not about the sport; it's about their personal growth," Shook said.

Enright will move home to Plano and intern with a physical therapy clinic. She hopes to start graduate school in Dallas in the fall, where she will earn her Doctorate in Physical Therapy.

Malewitz will finish his last season due next spring and hopes to coach baseball at the college level after that.

Schuck's opinion of student athletes is that they are the "same as any other students."

"[But] to some degree BG is different," he said. "Not many of these students are going to play professionally after they graduate, and the athletes recognize that."

REED

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said it just to make people feel bad, or to stir up trouble. If they were going for the latter, they succeeded. By the end of the night, there were over 50 comments on the status, most explaining why the user was wrong.

The attitude behind the post, I feel, was more "I'm going to post something different. Everyone's happy, so I'm going to see if I can disrupt that by acting like I have a higher moral standard." I don't think he honestly felt the way his post reflected.

After all, he said Americans celebrating in bin Laden's death made them more like animals. When was the last time you saw an animal celebrate after killing another?

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GRADUATE

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More than half of the Senate meeting was dedicated to discussing the future of graduate education at the University. On April 14, various college deans recommended 14 graduate programs to be closed, suspended or reoriented starting fall 2012.

The change was partially in response to a \$9 million reduction in the graduate scholarship budget for the next two years, said Graduate College Dean Tim Messer-Kruse. Academic quality, program sustainability and focus of mission were primary criteria considered when making selections, he said.

Several Senate members voiced concerns about the transparency of the decision-making process and the need for shared governance as it continues.

"There is a systemic problem ... a very high level of mistrust is present, and this isn't a new problem," said senate member Jim Evans. "Respect for the process is lacking right now, and that's coming from the administration, no matter how they try to cover their tracks."

When the deans announced the recommendations, "graduate students in general were overwhelmed," said David Sleasman, Graduate Student Senate president elect.

GSS approved a resolution requesting clarity from the administration and better communication between graduate students and the administration. Sleasman presented it Tuesday to the Senate.

"We want to have a voice," he said. "We're glad a process is unfolding ... but we wonder if a conversation could not have occurred sooner, in a more open fashion, with the data in front of us."

Provost Ken Borland said graduate program review has been taking place since as early as 2007, but became more focused this academic year, using criteria "developed in coordination with the Faculty Senate Executive Committee in 2009."

"We didn't intend to keep anything secret and tried to be communicative," he said. "This is nothing malicious. It's an honest recommendation coming from the deans, who are people of great integrity."

Shared governance is "key" in moving forward in this process,

which "everyone is entitled to engage in," Borland said.

"Shortly after my arrival in 2009, there was an ongoing conversation about reconfiguring graduate programs," he said. "When a conversation takes this long, it was time for a recommendation to come forward ... I wanted to be sure I put it where it belonged, according to our charter, and that is in the hands of Graduate Council."

The graduate program recommendations cannot be made final until reviewed by Graduate Council, the Faculty Senate Committee on Academic Affairs and the Ohio Board of Regents. Discussions will begin in the fall, according to an April 22 statement released by the administration.

As discussions begin, Sanyal said he hopes the mission of higher education will become a focal point.

"A lot of things like this are happening like this all over the country," he said. "A university should be a place for fostering critical minds ... but now that's getting lost by the wayside. Everything is a profit-oriented endeavor, and it's as if our administration is selling us to the highest bidder."

For more information, visit the Graduate College website at www.bgsu.edu/gradcoll.

CUE implementation delayed to fall 2013

The University will implement its proposed undergraduate curriculum changes fall 2013, Borland announced Tuesday to the Senate.

Connecting the Undergraduate Experience was initially slated to begin fall 2011. After Undergraduate Council voted against the proposal, its changes were delayed until fall 2012, Borland previously announced March 1.

"Many voices have delivered invaluable perspectives in the refining process of the developing proposal, which is still in the works," he said Tuesday. "Staff and faculty development and funding matters will be discussed at great length, and a great deal of important feedback will be woven into that conversation as it moves forward."

The Office of the Provost sent an email to University faculty and staff Tuesday with details concerning the decision and future process.

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BG defeats Temple, Florida to advance to rugby Final Four

By Paul Barney
Sports Editor

For the first time since 1988, the BG rugby team is heading to the Final Four.

The No. 1 Falcons hosted nationals this past weekend at Cochrane Stadium, and after blowing out Temple 64-5 on Saturday, they edged out No. 2 Florida 21-18 on Sunday.

Director Roger Mazzarella, who is the only person to have seen every single game BG has ever played, said Sunday's game against the Gators was the most "intense, gut-wrenching, heart-stopping, exciting" game of rugby he has seen.

BG broke a 10-10 game at halftime

"That was by far the most spectacular display of defense I have ever seen in any rugby game ever."

Roger Mazzarella | Director of rugby

when Falcon hooker Mike Brown picked up the ball at the Gators' 10-yard line that they muffed on a kickoff and fed it to eight man Kyle Bonek,

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SPLITTING THE DEFENSE: Senior center Joey Newton (left) runs through a pair of Temple defenders Saturday. Newton scored twice in BG's rout of the Owls.

Biggest headlines from the 2010-11 school year

From the BG football team suffering its worst season in decades to the closing of Anderson Arena, it was another busy year for Falcon sports



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JUMP FOR JOY: Jordan Crawford (center) celebrates with the rest of the Falcon bench as the BG men's basketball team routed Northern Illinois 74-54 in the final game inside Anderson Arena to punch its ticket to Cleveland for the MAC tournament quarterfinals.



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MAC CHAMPS: The Falcons pose with the MAC tournament championship trophy at Quicken Loans Arena in downtown Cleveland March 12. BG, the No. 2 seed, defeated Ohio, Central Michigan and Eastern Michigan to win the tournament. The Falcons had an overall record of 28-5 and a 13-3 mark in the MAC. Senior Lauren Prochaska finished her career as the BG scoring leader with 2,290 points. Prochaska recently signed a free agent contract with the WNBA's Seattle Storm.



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TACKLE: The BG defense wraps up Michigan quarterback Devin Gardner Sept. 18 during the Falcons' 65-21 loss in Ann Arbor, Mich. It began a streak of five straight losses for the Falcons as they didn't win their next game until Oct. 30 at Central Michigan. BG was 12th in total offense and total defense in the Mid-American Conference.

Falcons struggle to 2-10 season

After going 7-5 in 2009 and playing in the Humanitarian Bowl, the BG football team took a step back in 2010 and finished 2-10. Struggles on the offensive line led to an all-around poor performance in the run and passing game, and inconsistencies in the secondary all contributed to the Falcons' worst season since 1953.

Chiricosta becomes winningest player in BG history

On Jan. 30, the same day the Falcon tennis team cruised past Butler, BG's lone senior Christine Chiricosta became the winningest player in school history. Chiricosta played her final match Saturday, April 30 in the semifinals of the MAC Championships and finished with 178 combined wins, besting the previous total by 25 wins.

Men's basketball "Closes the Doors of the House that Roars"

In what was a year-long celebration of the final season at Anderson Arena, the BG men's basketball team gave "The House that Roars" a proper sendoff with a 20-point win over Northern Illinois in the first round of the Mid-American Conference tournament March 8. Both the men's and women's basketball teams, as well as the volleyball team, will play in the Stroh Center this fall.

Rowland wins gold

On the first day of the MAC Indoor Track and Field Championships on Feb. 26, sophomore weight thrower Jessie Rowland won BG's first individual gold in four years, since Jamie Rowland won the 5000 meters in 2007. Rowland's throw traveled 19.45 meters and broke the previous school record, set in 2003, by more than a foot and a half.

Falcons skate to first round win

After losing the first game to Northern Michigan in the first round of the Central Collegiate Hockey Association, the BG hockey team shut out the Wildcats in the second game and won the series in the decisive game three as freshman Bryce Williamson's goal in double overtime lifted the Falcons to their first playoff series win since the 2007-08 season, when they took two of three games from Lake Superior State University.

BG advances to NCAA tournament for second straight season

The Falcon women's basketball team defeated Eastern Michigan 51-46 to capture the MAC tournament title at Quicken Loans Arena in downtown Cleveland on March 12. The Falcons received an automatic bid to the NCAA tournament for the second straight season, where they lost to Georgia Tech 69-58 in the first round. It was the fifth time in the last seven seasons BG advanced to the NCAA Championships.

Stratton has historic day

Freshman Erika Stratton became the first player in BG softball history to hit three home runs in one game, lifting the Falcons to a 7-6 win over then MAC leader Ball State on Saturday afternoon. Stratton didn't have a home run in BG's first 38 games of the season, but exploded against the Cardinals, including a walk-off homer in the bottom of the 12th.

No. 1 BG advances to rugby Final Four

The No. 1 ranked Falcons rolled over Temple 64-5 Saturday and then defeated No. 2 Florida 21-18 to advance to the Division I Final Four for the first time since 1988. BG will travel to Stanford University to take on the University of California at Santa Barbara on Friday, May 13, at 2 p.m. Davenport will play Harvard in the other semifinal.

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WOMEN'S SOCCER

Richards makes changes to team

BG women's soccer coach Andy Richards revamped his coaching staff by adding Kellie Evans and Jimmy Walker. Richards is also bringing in nine recruits in the fall | **Page 7**

SOFTBALL

Stratton earns MAC award

Freshman softball player Erika Stratton was named MAC East Player of the Week after hitting three home runs in BG's 7-6 extra-inning win against Ball State on Saturday.



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Women's soccer adds new faces for 2011

By Becky Tener
Senior Reporter

Women's soccer coach Andy Richards is taking his team in a new direction.

"I didn't expect the last two seasons to go the way they did," he said. "I was really surprised by the struggles we had. We were this big wheel that was going the wrong direction."

He decided to make some changes.

Both assistant coach Scott Gloden and volunteer assistant Tiffany Hanson moved on to other coaching opportunities, so Richards took the chance to revamp his coaching staff.

"It's a change in momentum, which is something we really needed," Richards said.

He hired Kellie Evans, who was the assistant coach at Illinois State.

"She impressed me from the start and was at the top of my list from the

beginning," Richards said. "She's hit the ground running. She has a great demeanor and she is good with the [team]."

Jimmy Walker, director of coaching at Pacesetter Soccer Club in Toledo, will also be a volunteer coach for the Falcons.

"It's an exciting time," Richards said. "The dynamic of the three of us is very positive. It's very energetic, really outgoing, and the [team] really likes it."

To continue to push the team's momentum in the right direction, Richards said he will rely on his senior leadership, including his new co-captains Leah Johnson and Alyssa Zuccaro.

"They're a good balance ... they offer two different leadership styles," he said. "They're really respected, too."

Under their new leadership, the Falcons have a

"promising" spring season, acclimating some players that hadn't seen much earlier playing time like junior Brittany Hopkins and freshman Kaitlyn Tobin.

Richards attributes the success to enforcing more accountability toward fitness and being competitive.

"They worked really hard this spring to put a good foundation down. There is a good mood about the team right now," he said. "The feel of the team is different ... they're very upbeat and they really want to put some things right."

But Richards said the team will still be a work in progress.

"We've begun to reverse the wheel, but it takes time to halt that," he said.

Adding to the team's changes, Richards is bringing in nine new recruits this fall, and a few Falcons who didn't play last year due to injury will also



Kellie Evans
Was hired as an assistant coach in April

make their debut.

"There will be 10 or 11 new faces out there, and that's exciting," he said. "It's looking good. We have a really big roster, which is great for me because it gives us a lot of options and a lot of competition."

Though Richards said he is excited about the fall season, he doesn't want to have too high of expectations.

"I thought we were better than our results last year. We had a lot of bad luck, a lot of injuries. Things just didn't go well," Richards said. "I think it's best for us not to have expectations; I don't want to get ahead of ourselves, because we haven't kicked a ball yet."

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Indians' Choo arrested on DUI charges

By Tom Withers
The Associated Press

CLEVELAND — Indians outfielder Shin-Soo Choo was arrested Monday on suspicion of drunken driving after a breathalyzer test showed he had a blood-alcohol level of .201 — more than double Ohio's legal limit of .08.

Choo, the sixth major league player to be cited on a drunken driving charge this year, was arrested by police in Sheffield Lake, Ohio, after he failed a field sobriety test. An officer following Choo's white Cadillac SUV said he was driving erratically before he was stopped.

The 28-year-old South Korean traveled with the Indians and is expected to be in the starting lineup Tuesday night, when they open a three-game series against the Oakland Athletics. Cleveland

"The Indians organization takes these issues very seriously and we are disappointed in the matter. We will continue to monitor the situation and we will not have any further comment at this time."

Chris Antonetti | Indians' General manager

began the week with the best record in the majors.

General manager Chris Antonetti issued a statement Tuesday, saying the club has spoken to Choo about the incident.

"The Indians organization takes these issues very seriously and we are disappointed in the matter," Antonetti said. "We will continue to monitor the situation and we will not have any further comment at this time."

According to police, a

patrolman first spoke to Choo at 2:25 a.m. He told the officer he was lost and needed directions to Avon Lake.

Choo was allowed to continue driving, but was later pulled over when he twice crossed the double-yellow lines and drifted into a bike path. He told the officer his GPS had broken and he was unable to get directions home.

Choo's eyes were bloodshot and he smelled of "an alcohol beverage," police said, and he

was ordered out of the SUV.

Choo was unable to complete a heel-to-toe walking test, losing his balance and he failed two other sobriety tests, the report said. He was taken to the police station and was given the breathalyzer test.

Choo was charged with operating a vehicle under the influence, having an excessive blood-alcohol level and a traffic violation.

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SPRINT: Nick Viviani played a big part in the Falcons' win against Florida on Sunday.

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who dived in for a try to make it a 15-10 game.

With 10 minutes left and a 21-13 advantage, the Falcons put

on a seven-minute long goal line stand before Florida finally scored. The Gators spent the entire seven minutes inside the 10-yard line.

"Truth be told, everyone on the field for BG was tackling like a pack of ferocious ban-

shees," Mazzarella said. "That was by far the most spectacular display of defense I have ever seen in any rugby game ever."

With three minutes left, Florida punched in a short yardage try to pull within three points, but when it missed a conversion kick, the game was all but over.

The missed points meant Florida, now missing their kicker, needed a try to win, which was unlikely considering the defense of the Falcons. The Gators could also only tie with a penalty kick.

Florida put together one last attack but lost the ball, and Nick Viviani launched a 50-yard clearing kick that rolled down to the Gators' 10-yard line, sealing the win.

The Falcons will now travel to Stanford University to face the University of California at Santa Barbara May 13 at 2 p.m. Davenport, who won over Minnesota and Kansas, will play Harvard in the other semifinal.

The National Championship game is scheduled for 4 p.m. on May 14.

Canada beats Switzerland 4-3 in overtime at worlds

By Karel Janicek
The Associated Press

KOSICE, Slovakia — Alex Pietrangelo scored at 4:14 of overtime to give Canada a 4-3 win over Switzerland on Tuesday to complete the group stage of the ice hockey world championship with a perfect record.

Pietrangelo beat goalie Leonardo Genoni with a wrist shot to give Canada its third win in three matches. The United States faces Sweden on Wednesday.

"This is obviously one of the big ones, it's pretty special," Pietrangelo said. "We have a lot of young guys who play the world championship for the first time. You realize how good every team is. It's not a bad thing for us to face adversity."

Chris Stewart, who also plays for the St. Louis Blues with Pietrangelo, made it 3-2 with 3:14 remaining in the third period, but Andres Ambuhl tied it with 1:22 left to force overtime.

"It's always tough (against Switzerland)," Canada captain Rick Nash said. "It was tough at the Olympics and at the world championship before."

Raphael Diaz gave Switzerland the lead when he surprised goalie James Reimer with an angled shot from the left to make it 1-0 in the first period.

But Jordan Eberle scored his third goal of the tournament to tie it midway through the second, and John Tavares made it 2-1 with 3:09 remaining in the second period.

Felicien Du Bois tied the game again in the third for Switzerland. Travis Zajac of the New Jersey Devils added two assists for Canada.

"For us this was the type of competition tonight that we need to get better in the tournament," Canada coach Ken Hitchcock said. "This was just a great hockey game. The second period was the best period we played in the tournament."

Switzerland stunned Canada 4-1 at last year's worlds, just after the Vancouver Olympics where eventual champion Canada beat Switzerland after a penalty shootout.

Reimer stopped 30 shots on Tuesday while Canada outshot Switzerland 61-33.

"Canada played a hard game. They deserved to win," Switzerland coach Sean Simpson said.

"This is obviously one of the big ones, it's pretty special."

Alex Pietrangelo | Team Canada

In other games, Alexei Morozov scored in the third period to lead Russia to a 4-3 win over host Slovakia in Group A. Ilya Nikulin had two goals and Alexander Radulov also scored for Russia. Miroslav Satan, Marian Gaborik and Ladislav Nagy scored for Slovakia.

In Bratislava, Germany rallied from a two-goal deficit to beat Slovenia 3-2 after a penalty shootout. Felix Schutz tied it for Germany at 5:32 of the third period to force overtime. In the shootout, Frank Hordler got the winning goal.

Germany advanced to the second round from Group A. Slovenia and Belarus will play a relegation round with the bottom teams from other groups.

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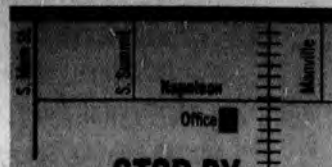
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CHANGES

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The inquiry courses have three domains, Messer-Kruse said: science and technology, social sciences and humanities and the arts.

"These courses are meant to represent major divisions of academia and to really introduce students to being engaged and active learners and scholars," Messer-Kruse said. "Our hope and our plan is that over the next year or so we will expand this program and hopefully begin to move from it being electives to it being the central feature of the Bowling Green general education program. But that still needs to be considered and approved through the various approval bodies."

Along with new general education courses, a new tutoring center will be introduced.

The center, called Learning Commons, will combine the writing center, study skills center and math and statistics tutor lab under one roof on the first floor of Jerome Library. Along with the three pre-existing programs, there will be an added place for specific subject tutoring to take place within Learning Commons.

"It is a new and exciting initiative here on campus," said Mark Nelson, director of Learning Commons. "I think the biggest benefit is that the Learning Commons will become a one stop shop for academic support for all students on campus."

The tutoring and study center will be located on the first floor of the Jerome Library, Nelson said.

"The new space will include small and large study rooms, a small computer lab and various places to study and hang out," Nelson said. "It will be kind of a laid-back, comfortable atmosphere."

And in addition to more general education classes and Learning Commons, several departments are making changes.

There are three new specializations being introduced in the fall: a specialization in aviation engineering technology for the bachelor's in aviation studies, a specialization in business analytics and intelligence for the bachelor's

in business administration and a specialization in education called the integrated science specialization within the adolescence to young adult (secondary) education major.

The associate of technical studies in paramedic science specialization was eliminated, and the development disabilities and habilitation program in the College of Education has suspended admissions.

There are also two new minors that have been created and will be implemented in the fall — sexuality studies, which is offered through the women's studies program, and sustainability.

"Sexuality studies is an interdisciplinary field that looks at how sexuality impacts everything from health to history to literature," said Susana Pena, the director of the Women's Studies Program. "We're really interested in thinking about how sexuality intersects with other social identities, like race, gender and class."

The minor is a combination of classes in women's studies, psychology, sociology, English, human development and family studies and medical technology, Pena said.

"I would say it's a response to student interest and student demand," Pena said.

Pena's goal for the program is for students who are interested in this area to be able to pursue it academically.

"We need people who are trained to think critically about sexuality; not to giggle and look down when sexuality is mentioned, but to really be able to know what is the history of these issues, how have they impacted people's health, how have they impacted people's self-esteem and how can we change areas that are not at the standard we would like," she said.

The other minor, sustainability, will be offered through the environmental program.

Gary Silverman, the director for the Center of Environmental Programs, said the goal for the minor is twofold: the first part is to give students in the minor an advantage in their profession, and the second is for students to have an understanding of sustainability, which is part of being an informed citizen.

Students can declare these minors starting in the fall.

FRIEDA

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made it to the advancement round, which included a series of interviews with last year's mascots, adviser and an alumni bird. From there, she went to the final round where she performed in the suit at a public event.

Mascot adviser Anne Marie King noted many characteristics that set Krueger apart from other candidates.

"Nicole has a genuine love for BG, the ability to connect with others, an understanding of the importance of secrecy, and leadership, dedication and true character," King said.

On her dad's birthday, Krueger officially became Frieda Falcon for the 2010-11 school year.

"My parents were in town for my dad's birthday the night I found out," she said. "When I got the call I started bawling happy tears, and it was nice to be able to celebrate with my family."

At a retreat with the other three members of her new bird family, Krueger learned and practiced moves that looked best in the Frieda suit. She was also given props such as a ball and a weight to practice and feel comfortable with when cheering on a crowd.

Krueger quickly realized being Frieda Falcon was no small feat.

"It was hard to see a lot of the time, and since Frieda's

feet are so big, I was off balance a lot in the beginning. I also had to learn how to ice skate in uniform, which was challenging at first," Krueger said.

Krueger stands 5-feet-3-inches tall, and the "one size fits all" suit, made of fiberglass, paint and synthetic brown materials, was heavy and often left her clothes drenched in sweat.

But the physical endeavors were just the beginning.

Because the identities of Freddie and Frieda are not revealed until the end of the basketball and hockey seasons, Krueger had to mentally prepare to hide her identity.

"I'm a really bad liar. I had to make up lots of lies which I felt bad about," Krueger said.

Being Frieda took up much of Krueger's time. When friends would ask her to hang out or go to dinner, she often made up excuses and placed the blame on too much homework.

Krueger participated in 99 events as Frieda, but could not let her bird life interfere with her school work. As a member of the Sidney A. Ribeau President's Leadership Academy and a resident adviser at Kohl Hall, it was easy to feel overwhelmed with a full workload.

"It was hard to stay focused at times because I always wanted to be at games and events showing my school spirit and supporting the other birds," Krueger said.

Another challenge she faced was not being able to interact with the other Freddie or Frieda Falcons on campus. They often crossed paths on campus, but had to act like they did not know one another, which was difficult for Krueger who had become close with the other three mascots.

Only a select group of people knew her secret. Krueger's boyfriend, friends from home and a few instructors knew the truth. She had to trust that they too would keep her identity a secret.

At times, Ellwood found this difficult.

"The hardest thing for me was not being able to go to a sporting event without finding someone to go with. Then, once at the sporting event, it was hard to act as though I didn't care about Frieda," Ellwood said.

Lindsey Boyd, a friend of Krueger's, interned with the Athletic Communications Department and noticed Krueger at every basketball game.

"It never really occurred to me that she was literally at every single game I was at. I honestly just thought she was an extremely dedicated friend and fan," Boyd said.

One of Krueger's friends became suspicious about her frequent absences and joked about the possibility of her being Frieda. Krueger had to laugh the comment off and agree that it would be ironic.

Another close call occurred when Krueger rushed to class

after homecoming judging.

"It was hot out and I was already sweaty from the judging and then I had to rush to class. When I got to class I was walking in between the aisles and accidentally bumped into my friend and ended up wiping sweat on him. He was grossed out and asked me why I was so sweaty," Krueger said.

But despite the suspicions some people had, the night of the reveal proved to be a surprise for many.

"I'd be lying if I said I didn't cry a little bit. I was so proud of her, and I just couldn't believe it," Boyd said.

Once her secret was out, Krueger was excited to be able to share her moment with fellow University students and continue leaving an impact on Falcon fans.

Julie Snyder, Krueger's scholarship director, shares the passion Krueger has for her role as Frieda.

"She is engaging and exciting and truly brings life to Frieda. Even though you can't see her, Nicole's genuineness bleeds through the outfit," Snyder said.

Throughout her time as Frieda, Krueger's favorite memories were seeing the enjoyment on people's faces when she approached them.

"Looking back on all the times I saw her as Frieda, she had a spirit and a sense of comfort that just attracted people to her," Boyd said. "She is so proud to be a Falcon, and she takes pride in everything that she does."

MASCOTS

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"[The suits] are five years old," said senior Jared Miller, who was Freddie this last school year. "With 200 events a year, that adds up. We kind of understand the smell. It's not a huge problem."

Admissions Counselor Cristina Sanchez said she likes the way the mascots look now.

"I'm okay with the changes as long as they're not too dramatically different," she said.

She was Frieda for the 2009-10 school year and recalled the smell of the suits.

"I think that every group had to endure the smell," Sanchez said. "They smell like Febreze 24/7. It's not pleasant."

Students have to wear the mascot uniforms anywhere from an hour to all day, Sanchez said. They are told to be the first to arrive and the last to leave an event.

Even with the smell, Sanchez had nothing but positive things to say about her experience.

"[Being Frieda] made me love the University even more," Sanchez said.

The last time Freddie and Frieda's outfits changed significantly was 10 years ago.

After "going missing," they debuted new out-

fits at the Nov. 3, 2001, Homecoming football game, Ginsburg said.

They may be doing something similar at one of the football games this fall, but Ginsburg said it was a good opportunity to save the debut for an event at the Stroh Center. He said it would help create excitement.

Ginsburg said the change was delayed due to cost. The new uniforms will cost \$6,500.

"They're not cheap," he said.

King is also excited for the changes.

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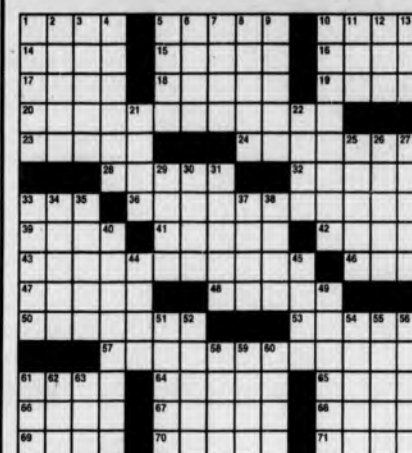
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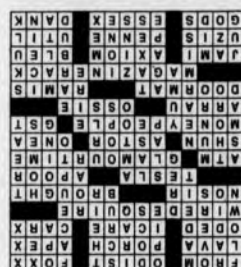
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